



Below is important news you can use from the City of Buckeye Public Works Department. In this issue of the Buckeye Public Works News Notice:

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### 1. Do Not Let Your Recycling Efforts Go To Waste

We need your help. We're on a mission to bring positive change!

All too often, the recycling stream contains material which cannot be processed. This is referred to as contamination. Contamination reduces the value of the recycled materials.



In 2018, the City experienced a recycling truck fire which contained a significant amount of contamination, including household hazardous waste materials. Fortunately, the driver caught the fire in time and there were no injuries, but there have been incidences of this in the past that have caused significant damage to vehicles and the roadways.

#### [Items recyclable within the City of Buckeye](#)

Do not bag recycling. Bagged recycling is treated as trash at the processing plant. Don't let your recycling efforts *go to waste*.



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### 2. Draw a Better Buckeye

Calling all 3rd - 12th grade artists! The City of Buckeye once again is searching for artists to participate in its second annual Draw a Better Buckeye artwork contest.

Entries can be hand drawn, painted, or via computer animation.

The theme must represent at least one of the following topics:

- Sustainability
- Pollution Prevention
- Recycling
- Help Keep Buckeye Clean
- Public Works



Artwork is due by April 22nd.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

Artwork will be featured throughout City of Buckeye marketing efforts.

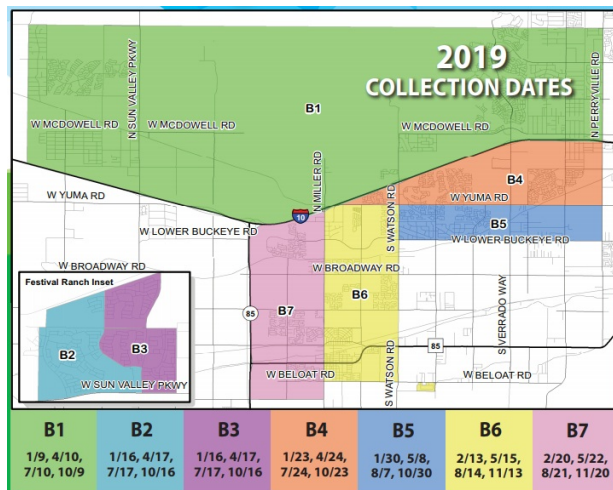
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### 3. Bulk Trash

Bulk trash collection for 2019 is underway.

Don't miss a pick-up date. Sign up for bulk trash pick-up notifications. It's quick and easy. Enter your address then choose the "Get a Reminder" button and follow the enrollment prompts.

Please see our webpage for more information on [bulk trash](#).



The next collection dates are as follows:

Zone B1 - April 10th  
Zones B2 and B3 - April 17th  
Zone B4 - April 24th  
Zone B5 - May 8th  
Zone B6 - May 15  
Zone B7 - May 22nd

Did you know you can look up trash, recycling, and bulk trash questions AND sign-up to receive a reminder for your bulk trash service using our [web application?](#)

The [2019 Bulk Trash Schedule](#) is also now available.

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### 4. Trash Talk

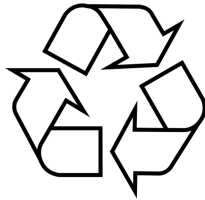
Keeping Buckeye Clean takes commitment from everyone.

One way to [Help Keep Buckeye Clean](#) is to properly store trash and recycling by making sure the lid of your container completely closes. Also, be sure to bag ALL trash and break down cardboard boxes for recycling.

Thank you for your help!

# garbage is for bags

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## 5. What Does the "Recycling" Symbol Mean?

The recycling triangle is on every plastic item you can buy. But not everything with that triangle can be recycled in the City's recycling program.

The triangle with numbers indicates the grade, safety, and use of that plastic type. It does not mean it is recyclable. In our region we are only able to recycle those items that our local recovery facility can sort and sell.

So, what can be recycled? Here's a simple way to determine what is recyclable:

1. **Clean.** If it is dirty, throw it away. Dirty material makes everything around it dirty too.
2. **Simple.** Here is a list of what's wanted: flattened cardboard, newspaper, magazines, office paper, common mail, clean and dry drink cartons, clean and dry beverage and food cans, as well as clean and dry glass and plastic bottles.
3. **Loose.** Everything should fall out of the cart easily during collection.

Everything else has been referred to as 'wish-cycling'. For example, fabric, clothing, plastic bags, metal pipe, etc. These items will break the sorting machinery and therefore, should not be placed inside of your recycling container.

Please contact local charities such as [All Faith](#) and [Buckeye Goodwill](#) to give away reusable items.

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shut your  lid

**Find out more about pollution prevention!**

bag and  tie

Thank you for your assistance as we all work together as a community to:

## Help Keep Buckeye Clean

Please let us know how we may assist you.

Sincerely,

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